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Group III. Claims 29 and 30, drawn to a kit comprising an apparatus for analysis of methylation status of CpG.

The underlying justification for the division of the pending claims into "three inventions" is a purported absence of a special technical feature, as defined by PCT Rule 13.2, linking the three claim sets to define a contribution over the prior art, and to form a single general inventive concept. The Examiner makes reference to the methodology of Gitan et al (2001) in support of the requirement for restriction.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-24. Claims 25- 30, nonelected, will be withdrawn from consideration.

Favorable and timely consideration of the application is respectfully sought.

Respectfully,



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